

NAME NEGRO TO \$18,500 POSTAL SERVICE POSITION

Sue Bates Becomes Bride



Miss Kathryn Sue Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bates of Denver, Colorado, became the bride of James Harold Gavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gavin of Laurel, Mississippi, in a recent ceremony performed in the presence of members of her family and a few friends of the family.

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Singer Not Out Of Danger

NEW YORK — Roosevelt Hospital officials continued to place singer Jackie Wilson on the "critical" list over the weekend, and some sources close to the rock 'n' roll star described his condition as "extremely grave."

Wilson, who has cut a number of hit records in the rhythm and blues category, is near death as the result of bullet wounds suffered in a scuffle with a woman admirer on Feb. 15.

The switchboards at the hospital here and at many newspaper offices throughout the East — the AFRO's included — have been swamped the past two weeks with inquiries as to Wilson's condition.

The Roosevelt desk has adopted a stock answer of "still on critical list" but unofficial reports insist that there has been little or no progress since last Wednesday.

IN THE MEANTIME, the young singer's assailant, Juanita Jones, was continued in \$2,500 bond in connection with the shooting. Miss Jones admitted owning the gun which fired the shots that wounded Wilson during a tussle in the hallway of his West 57th St. apartment.

Jackie's wife, his sister, Joyce and mother, Mrs. Eliza Lee, arrived in New York Thursday. They and Wilson's toy poodle, Peppy, and Chihuahua, Tapoochie, are staying at his temporary apartment at 408 W. 57th St., which is near the hospital.

INCOMING CALLS to the hospital have doubled since Wilson's arrival from a normal 800 to 1,600 a day. Two received so far were from Elvis Presley, the head operator reported.

The pile of fan letters, post cards and get-well cards in Roosevelt's mail room is three feet high. A telegram was received from Sammy Davis Jr., and a basket of fruit was received from Frankie Avalon and Fabian.

Central Methodist To Present Tougaloo Choir Sunday, March 12

JACKSON, Miss. — Central Methodist Church, N. Farish Street will present the Tougaloo College Choir concert at the church, Sunday, March 12, according to a release by Rev. E. A. Mays, Pastor and Mrs. Nellie Williams, chairman of the sponsoring group.

This outstanding choir needs no introduction to Jackson's

music lover, for under the direction of Mr. Ariel M. Lovelace, Head of the Department of Music and Director of the Choir, it has made a distinguished record in the field of music.

Mr. Lovelace, who received his Bachelor of Music degree from the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago; the Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Education from Sherwood Music School, Chicago and has worked towards the doctorate at Chicago Musical College and Northwestern University, is also well known in the music field, coming to Tougaloo from A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he had formerly headed the music departments at Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery and Jackson State College, Jackson, Miss. He has directed choral groups throughout the Midwest and East. The appearance of Mr. Lovelace and the Choir of Tougaloo Southern Christian College is a part of a series of engagements over the state.

Mrs. Ruthanne Schnell, a staff member of the college, serves as violinist; and Mr. William Howard Moore, of the Department of Music, serves as the accompanist and piano soloist.

The concert will benefit the Building Fund of Central Methodist Church. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 by any member of the church. All music lovers are urged to be present.

MVC Seeks To Enhance Interest In Practical Nursing Program

ITTA BENA, Mississippi — A course of action to acquaint more prospective Practical Nurse trainees with the program at Mississippi Vocational College and at the same time to stress the scholastic requirements for successful matriculation in the program, was outlined here by Dean of Instruction, O. P. Lowe and Nursing Instructor, Mrs. Janice Mays.

Along with the nursing literature that is regularly sent to principals, class sponsors and counsellors throughout the state, Dean Lowe and Mrs. Mays, with the cooperation of the MVC Public Relations Office, are planning visits to schools in this area to explain the nursing program to prospective enrollees.

The visits will also serve to clarify certain misconceptions nursing trainees have

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Mrs. G. Carrington Re-elected to Head Sidnev Ellis Council



By H. Dyson

VICKSBURG, Miss. — Mrs. Gertrude Carrington of Eureka Temple, Vicksburg, Miss., has been re-elected as Loyal Daughter of the Sidney Ellis Council of the Mississippi Daughter Elks. Daughter Carrington is Recording Secretary of the Mississippi State Association of Daughter Elks and is chairman of the Education Department of her Temple. She has been outstanding in Mississippi Elksdom for a number of years and made a substantial contribution to its growth, having worked harmoniously with the State President, Past Grand Daughter Ruler Willie H. Rudd.

With all the honors that have been earned by Dtr. Carrington she is still a very charming lady, with a way of making each member feel individually important. She is married to Mr. Charlie Carrington and lives at 1213 Randolph Street here in Vicksburg.

Other officers elected were: Dtr. L'Dina Robinson, Vice Loy al Dtr. Ruler; Dtr. Ida Morris, Secretary and Dtr. Tommie Higgins, treasurer.

Tougaloo Alumni Building Drive Off to Good Start

Pledge cards are currently going out in the mails to Tougaloo Southern Christian College alumni, in the drive to secure funds for the Student Union Building to be erected on that campus.

Dr. A. D. Beittel, president of the college, was the keynote speaker at the campaign's kick-off, which occasion netted approximately one-fifth of the 1961 goal. The amount to be secured this year is \$10,000; next year \$15,000 for a grand total of \$25,000 to be contributed by the alumni of the institution.

The president stressed the academic standards and rating of the college; along with other stirring, authentic statements concerning the achievements of the school, its students, former students, and graduates.

H. M. Thompson, quoting the great philosopher of ancient Greece, Socrates, has summarized the appeal of the campaign in his immortal words, "Why is it you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth, and neglect your children to whom, some day, you must relinquish it all?" This is the challenge of the day in which 20th-century citizens live and strive.

LOS ANGELES — Local Superintendent of Outgoing Mail, Christopher C. Scott, 58, has been appointed to the highest position ever given a Negro in the postal service—Deputy Assistant Postmaster General at \$18,500 per year in the Bureau of Transportation.

"Naturally I am thrilled and humbly grateful," Mr. Scott declared. "I feel it is a terrific honor. It also entails a tremendous responsibility and a challenge."

Scott, a Houston-born post office career man, has been in the postal service 38 years. He was the first Negro to be appointed a postal supervisor, in the entire area West of Chicago.

THE NEW APPOINTEE attended public school in Phoenix, Ariz.; high school in Lawrence, Kan., and entered the USC's School of Pharmacy, when he came to Los Angeles in 1921.

Scott said Postmaster General J. Edward Day has phoned him from Washington to give him time to think over the offer and that he telephoned his acceptance the next day.

Scott and his charming wife Myrtis, have a daughter, Miss Juanita Scott, who is a teacher in the Houston, Tex. public school system.

Pelahatchie Prof. Tells His Side of Story

By Hattie C. Dyson

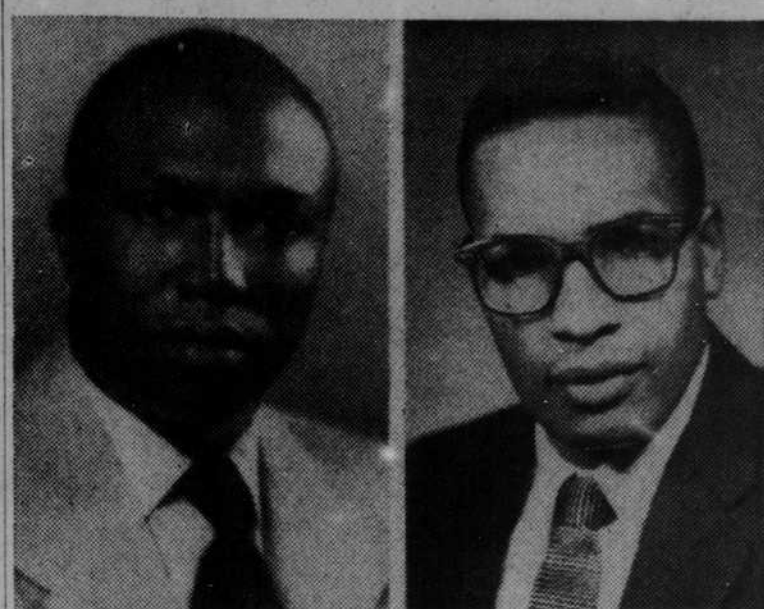
In an exclusive interview with Murry Feltus, former principal at the Pelahatchie, Miss., School, about which headline news was printed in local papers recently, this reporter was told by Mr. Feltus that his resignation had nothing at all to do with "race or integration problems."

Articles appearing in local and national papers had stated that the former McCall High School principal was "hiding" out in fear of being "taken care of once and for all." These reports quoted Mr. Feltus as saying that a parent threatened to shoot him after falsely blaming him for bringing in an investigator for the State Sovereignty Commission. These articles also quoted Feltus as saying, antagonism toward him stemmed from his inability to secure a gymnasium and other facilities for the school.

In his interview Mr. Feltus stated that his Supt., Mr. Autrey of Rankin County and the Board members did not bother him in any way. He further stated that the Supt. and the Board did not request his resignation.

Asked about the parents and patrons using pressure to gain his resignation, he stated that the patrons had a leader who had gone way out to let him (Feltus) know that he was no longer welcome in the community and no longer needed as principal of the school. He further stated that he had no bitterness toward the colored patrons who were so much against his policies at the school. Emphasizing that he believed strongly in "channels of command" — that all should respect those who are in authority, the young principal feels that there is much good he can still do in the school rooms of his native state, and for that reason, among others, he left Jackson, Wednesday, March 1, to enter Michigan State College, Lansing, Mich. There he hopes to complete his re-

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TO EGYPT — Sherman Briscoe, an information specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Cline J. Warren, an agricultural economist of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, are scheduled to depart for Cairo, Egypt, Friday along with 37 others to help staff the U. S. Exhibit there. The United States and 22 other countries are participating in the International Agricultural Exhibition in Cairo, March 21-April 21. Mr. Briscoe is serving as State-side information coordinator, and Mr. Warren will have charge of the "Food for Peace" section of exhibit.—USDA Photos

Rezoning Of Tuskegee Outlawed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. —

This week, a Federal Judge ruled illegal the 1956 Legislature-approved gerrymander bill which put some 5,400 Tuskegee Negroes outside the city limits; the vicious bill that was sponsored by ex-State Senator Sam Englehardt and which took over 400 registered voters off the list. The Federal judge ruling declared the bill void and the city was ordered permanently to stop enforcing it.

The act, which set off the non-buying program of the lush Negro market in Tuskegee, which is still in progress, had been under attack in the courts by Dr. C. G. Gomillion and 11 other Negroes for several years after the Tuskegee Civic Association asked Federal intervention in 1957.

Under former Atty. General William Rogers, the Justice Department went all-out to help the Tuskegee Negroes.

The ruling by Federal District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., with a nudge from the U. S. Supreme Court, came at a time when the TCA was busy preparing for another legal battle against the vote denials hurled at Negroes in Tuskegee.

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Supports Jackson State College Honors Program

JACKSON, Miss. — Officials of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation have

given approval and support to an honors program to be conducted by Jackson State College beginning with the Spring Quarter, 1960-61.

Alcorn Student, Larseie Ellis Gets High Rating

ALCORN, Miss. — Mr. N. C. Buford, director of the Division of Mechanical Industries, announces the achievement of a senior in that area, Mr. Larseie Ellis.

Ellis has received ratings on civil service examinations for engineering aid with a GS-3 rating of 90 and a GS-4 rating of 80.

Mr. Ellis, a graduate of the New Prospect Vocational High School, Louin, is majoring in Elect. Engr.

The emphasis will be on intensive reading and writing in the arts and sciences with appropriate philosophical and historical background material. Dr. John B. Eubanks has been nominated by the College to direct this program.

Greenwood's March Of Dimes Report For 1961

CHURCHES: Rev. George A. Harper, Rev. J. L. Pleas, Rev. J. D. Collins, Union Grove, M. B. Church	Broad St. High Sch. . . 120.88 St. Francis School . . . 12.50
Church of Christ . . . 10.01	CLUBS: Mrs. A. D. Taylor Smith, Chairman
St. Luke Church of God . 28.60	Community Club . . . 5.00
McKinney Chapel M. B. Church	Hart Lodge Elks . . . 10.00
Providence M.B. Church . 8.00	Greenwood Star 224 . . 2.50
Friendship M.B. Church . 25.00	Greenwood Negro Civic League . . . 10.00
Wesley Meth. Church . 5.15	Mrs. Josie Weems . . . 2.00
Strangers Home Ch. . . 25.00	JC Alumni Assoc. . . 5.00

SCHOOLS: McLauren St. School . . \$ 60.58	Post 200 . . . 5.00
Stone St. Elem. Sch. . . 105.00	Cottillion Club . . . 5.00
	Womens Prog. Club . . 5.00

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IKE AND TINA TURNER
AT STEVENS ROSE ROOM
MARCH 16-17

TO WELCOME STATE TEACHERS

Dine At Stevens Kitchen Each Sunday During WOKJ Broadcast